

Good morning. It is truly an honor to be able to provide testimony that will be helpful in shaping the future of an Army of which I have served for almost 25 years. I have been very fortunate to have ~~to~~ parallel careers over the past two decades. Both in law enforcement and in the military I have had the privilege of serving ~~both~~ on a local and a global level. This has provided great satisfaction to me as a professional Soldier and a law enforcement officer.

My two careers have moved along together very well and compliment each other. I currently serve as the Chief of Police of the Redding Police Department and as a Lieutenant Colonel and Commander of the 185<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion, California Army National Guard. My civilian career and the agencies and cities I have served have been very supportive of my military service, both during regular training and through two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 49<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade. Overall I serve approximately 100 days per year of duty in the National Guard and that does not include all the phone calls, conference calls and online training required of today's reserve component Officer.

During my two deployments, our mission was to train the Iraqi Police and execute the police training mission. This gave me an opportunity to use my civilian experience and expertise to enhance the mission of the Army. National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who concurrently serve as civilian police professionals were a combat multiplier during this mission. When Iraqi Police Officials learned that you were a civilian police professional, it was almost instant credibility. To illustrate this point, I was asked to teach the General Officers of the Iraqi Police in the Baghdad Province the Incident Command System and how to better coordinate their response to disasters. I did so in a suit, not a uniform, to add to the credibility of being law enforcement professional. This is a skill most active component MPs simply do not have the expertise or experience to teach.

I am not saying ~~this to say~~ that I am better than the active component officers, just to highlight that National Guard and Reserve Component Soldiers can add an operational advantage to the Army's mission.

Civilian Police Officers bring an experienced skill set to the battlefield, which as you know ~~is if~~ different than it was in generations past; as is what is expected of our Army. No longer do we just win the conventional fight. ~~fight, but w~~We must follow-on with building a nation and its organic assets to bring a better quality of life to its citizens. My BN brings with it 68 full-time law enforcement professionals. National Guard and Reserve Soldiers can use their civilian experience not easily replicated in military training to greatly enhance our wartime capabilities. My Battalion is composed of 6 MP Companies and an HHD. We have always met our operational mission, highlighted by the following deployments.

Operation Noble Eagle:

HHD, 49th MP BN, OCT 01-JUL 02  
40TH MP CO, SEP 02-SEP 03  
270TH MP CO, OCT 01- SEP 02  
649TH MP CO, NOV 01-JUL 02  
870TH MP CO, OCT 01- JUL 02

Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF):

330TH MP CO, MAR 10- MAR 11

649TH MP CO, MAY 09- MAY 10

870TH MP CO, DEC 10- DEC 11

649TH MAR 12- MAR 13

Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF):

HHD, 49TH MP BN, JUL 05- OCT 06

40TH MP CO, APR 08- APR 09

270TH MP CO, MAR 03- MAR 04

649TH MP CO, JAN 03- JUN 04

670TH MP CO, JAN 03- JUN 04

870TH MP CO, MAR 03- JUL 04

Guantanamo Bay (GTMO):

270TH MP CO, JAN 15- PRESENT

670TH MP CO, AUG 14- JUN 15

330<sup>th</sup> MP CO, (to deploy in 2016)

We currently have over 50 Soldiers standing post providing force protection at recruiting stations and installations throughout California. These Soldiers went from civilian to standing post in 4 days. We stand ready to serve both at home and abroad in support of the Army and nation we serve.